

Whereas, as the 2004-2005 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Wellington-Napoleon R-IX School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty on June 30, 2005, with the retirement of David Twente who has devoted several years of his life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator; and

Whereas, David Twente has served as a Vocational Agriculture Instructor for thirty years at Wellington-Napoleon R-IX, where he is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, David Twente has touched the lives of countless youngsters by helping them form a solid educational foundation upon which to build in the future; and

Whereas, David Twente has watched his pupils grow, develop, and mature through the knowledge he has imparted to them both as a teacher and as a friend; and

Whereas, David Twente has supported his profession as a member of the Missouri State Teachers Association, the Missouri Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association, the National Association of Agricultural Educators, the Missouri Association for Career and Technical Education, and the National Association for Career and Technical Education; and

Whereas, David Twente has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Arlene Dieckmann Twente; his children and their spouses, Jamie and Craig Diebal of Jacksonville, Illinois, Jennifer Twente, and Josh Twente; and his "adopted" grandchildren, Layla and Mason Fischer:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join the Wellington-Napoleon R-IX School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that David Twente has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing him the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that he so justly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for David Twente, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Joe Aull
District No. 26

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3167, adopted May 11, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker